PESTICIDE RESIDUES - DISCUSSION POINTS

- AS WITH ANY OTHER CROP, INCLUDING VIRTUALLY ALL THE FOOD PRODUCED IN THIS COUNTRY, TOBACCO IS TREATED WITH PESTICIDES AND FUNGICIDES TO PREVENT LOSSES FROM INSECTS AND OTHER PESTS.

- PESTICIDES ARE HIGHLY REGULATED. TOBACCO AND FOOD ARE TREATED ONLY WITH PESTICIDES WHICH HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND REGISTERED FOR USE. IN ADDITION, THERE IS AND HAS BEEN NO PROHIBITION AGAINST IMPORTING TOBACCO WITH EBDC RESIDUES.

- NO CREDIBLE EVIDENCE SUGGESTS THAT PESTICIDE RESIDUES AS FOUND IN CIGARETTES PRESENT A HEALTH RISK TO THE SMOKER. NOT EVEN THE SURGEON GENERAL HAS CLAIMED THAT MINUTE AMOUNTS OF PESTICIDE RESIDUES IN CIGARETTES ARE A HEALTH PROBLEM. ALSO,

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PLAINTIFFS' LITIGATION EXPERTS DO NOT CONTEND THAT CIGARETTES ARE DEFECTIVE BECAUSE OF PESTICIDE RESIDUES.

- ON DECEMBER 4, 1989 THE EPA PROPOSED A GRADUAL AND PARTIAL PHASE-OUT OF EBDC-CONTAINING FUNGICIDES. THE EPA PROPOSED THAT BY THE SPRING OF 1991 SUCH FUNGICIDES SHOULD NO LONGER BE USED ON 45 OF 55 VEGETABLE CROPS.

- IN SEPTEMBER 1989, PESTICIDE MANUFACTURERS VOLUNTARILY WITHDREW REGISTRATIONS FOR USE OF 42 OF THE 55 PERMITTED VEGETABLE CROP APPLICATIONS. AT THE SAME TIME, THE REGISTRATION FOR USE ON TOBACCO WAS ALSO VOLUNTARILY WITHDRAWN. THESE WITHDRAWALS WERE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1990.

- THE WITHDRAWAL OF REGISTRATION DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH USE BY FARMERS OF EBDC-CONTAINING

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